

Washington, D.C - Today, leaders of the **New Democrat Coalition**, led by **Congressman Joseph Crowley (NY-7)**

and the New Dem Budget Discipline Working Group Co-Chairs

Congressman Bob Etheridge (NC-2)

and

Congressman Bill Foster (IL-14)

, released the following statement upon passage of the

IMPROVE Acquisition Act of 2010

(HR.5013):

"We applaud today's passage of the Defense Acquisition Reform bill, which cuts wasteful spending and modernizes Department of Defense Acquisition to keep our nation secure and our troops safe. The IMPROVE Acquisition Act will boost DOD transparency and accountability, increase innovation and competitiveness in the acquisition process, and modernize the DOD workforce and financial management systems.

"As New Dems, we are working to increase transparency and accountability in the federal government to make sure taxpayer dollars are invested wisely. The IMPROVE Acquisition Act demonstrates that the government can be streamlined and modernized while maintaining the Defense Department's ability to meet established goals and missions. The New Dems will continue working with House Leaders and the Administration to identify additional common sense solutions to make the federal government leaner, cleaner and smarter."

The New Democrat Budget Discipline Working Group was established to identify common sense solutions to balance the federal government's checkbook and ensure that taxpayer dollars are invested wisely and efficiently. [Click here](#) for more information about the Working Group and a list of Members.

Statement supported by New Dem Budget Discipline Working Group Co-Chairs Representative Bob Etheridge (NC-2) and Representative Bill Foster (IL-14) along with the New Dem Leadership Members, led by Chair Representative Joseph Crowley (NY-07), and Vice-Chairs Representative Melissa Bean (IL-08), Representative Ron Kind (WI-03), Representative Allyson Schwartz (PA-13), and Representative Adam Smith (WA-09).□□

The New Democrat Coalition is a Coalition of 69 members of the U.S. House of Representatives who are dedicated to the prosperity and security of American families and business. Founded in 1997, the NDC provides Members of Congress with the opportunity to advance a common sense policy agenda focused on empowering the U.S. to grow

economically and maintain a vibrant job market, preserving the U.S. standing as the world's leader in innovation and technological advancement, and strengthening our economic and national security. For more information, visit the New Dems website at <http://ndc.crowley.house.gov>.

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